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FEAR FELT FOR GUNBOAT

The Wasp Went Out Saturday Night on Rescue Work

AND HAS NOT RETURNED

She Carried a Crew of Eighty Men and Was Provisioned for Three Days—Alarm Is Felt at Newport, R. I.

Newport, R. I., Dec. 12.—The gunboat Wasp, which started out Saturday night to render assistance to the brig Harry Smith at the entrance to Vineyard sound, has not yet been heard from and much anxiety is felt for her safety by officials at the torpedo and training station. At first it was thought she might have been blown off the shore by the gale, but the lack of news is causing apprehension that she may have met with a serious mishap.

The gunboat Wasp is the converted yacht Columbia, which was purchased by the government at the outbreak of the Spanish war. She is a trifle larger than the Hiss, but was comparatively new when purchased by the government. The Wasp carried a crew of eighty men, commanded by Chief Boatswain Hugh Sweeney and was provisioned for three days.

ONE OR THE OTHER.

Witte Says It Looks Like Revolution or Coercion.

London, Dec. 12.—The correspondent of the Daily Telegraph at St. Petersburg in a dispatch dated Dec. 10, sent by way of Riga, from East Prussia, sends an interview with Count Witte, in which the premier indicates that Russia is confronted with the alternative of a revolution or violent coercion. Though the count has not abandoned hope, he is not sanguine, and if forcible repression should become necessary he will, according to the correspondent, resign his task to other hands.

Questioned by the correspondent as to the genesis of the revolutionary movement, Premier Witte attributed its rapid development to the great autonomy of the universities and the high schools, where the revolutionary forces, hitherto doomed to secrecy, found asylum and sanctuary and absolute freedom for discussion. Further, when this freedom became license, society still looked on with stolid indifference.

After reviewing the situation up to the manifesto of Oct. 30, Count Witte said: "Clearly the vast changes which the manifesto heralded required time and patience to carry out; but what happened was utterly unexpected. Sections of the community—namely, whole classes—went to work systematically to annihilate their own means of livelihood and to ruin themselves and the whole nation. Social instincts seemed to have become atrophied. Instead of uniting to preserve order, the people quarreled among themselves and attacked the government. The only people who acted in their own interests were the revolutionists. They knew what they wanted. They chose the most effective means to attain it, and they are capable of adopting those means even at the price of heavy sacrifices."

REJECTS THE PROPOSAL.

For Formation of Constituent Assembly in Russia.

St. Petersburg, Dec. 12.—The government has rejected the proposal for the formation of a constituent assembly to deal with the subject of granting the country universal suffrage.

SMITH STILL AT ANCHOR.

But Weather-Beaten Craft Is in Exposed Position.

Vineyard Haven, Mass., Dec. 12.—The New Bedford brig, Harry Smith, which arrived off the entrance of Vineyard sound Saturday from the Azores, and was unable to reach her destination owing to head winds was still at anchor at dark last night, fifteen miles southwest of Gay Head, having ridden out Sunday's gale, but ragged several miles to the south, where she lay in an exposed position.

Two tugs came down the bay from New Bedford in the afternoon, and one of them, the J. T. Sherman, crossed Vine sound, but before she had reached New Man's Land, as miles southwest of Gay Head, and behind which the Smith was anchored, she turned back and started for New Bedford. The other tug, the S. C. Hart, did not go outside of Buzzard's bay.

The sea off Gay Head had a stiff roll from the eastward, and when last seen the Smith seemed to be steadily dragging her anchors.

LIGHTSHIP SANK.

But the Crew of the Boat Was Taken Off Safely.

New Bedford, Mass., Dec. 12.—The Azalea arrived here early this morning, at 2:15 o'clock, with the crew of the Nanucket, South Shoal lightship. She reports that the lightship sank eighteen miles from her station.

RYAN TESTIFIES TO THE CONVERSATION

Says Harriman Threatened to "Use His Whole Political Influence" Against Him, Meaning Legislative.

New York, Dec. 12.—Thomas F. Ryan, who last week refused on the stand to give the nature of his conversations with E. H. Harriman at the time of the Equitable purchase by Ryan, took the stand today and gave the desired testimony.

He said Harriman called on the day of the purchase and said he had devoted much time to the Equitable and Ryan should not have come into the situation without consulting him. Harriman demanded an equal voice in the management and a half interest in the stock. Harriman objected to the plan for the trustees, but finally consented if Ryan would allow him to name two besides Mr. Cleveland, Justice O'Brien and Mr. Westinghouse.

"Harriman told me," the witness said, "that I would not be able to carry out my plan, as he would use his whole political influence against me."

"Did he mention the nature of the influence?"

"No."

"The manner of the influence?"

"My understanding was that there would be legislative action."

Ryan said he still refused to accede to Harriman's demands.

WILL PROSECUTE THE RAILROADS.

District Attorney in Pennsylvania Declares He Has Twelve Witnesses Who Will Tell of Being Favored.

Philadelphia, Dec. 12.—United States District Attorney Thompson yesterday was granted permission by Judge Holland in the United States district court to present to the federal grand jury bills of indictment against railroad companies with headquarters in this jurisdiction. The charge is allowing rebates. In his petition the district attorney states that he has twelve witnesses who are prepared to testify that they have been favored by the railroad companies.

It is understood to be Mr. Thompson's intention to secure the indictment of railroad agents and to conduct a sweeping investigation of the charges of discrimination by the railroads.

The proceeding was taken under the act of Congress of February 19, 1903, which fixes the minimum penalty at \$1,000 and the maximum penalty at \$20,000 fine for each offense.

It is said the bills include the names of agents of certain railroads outside of Pennsylvania. Those who testified before the grand jury will be immune from imprisonment. The taking of testimony will begin Wednesday.

The district attorney said last night that the action was taken at the suggestion of the department at Washington.

"I have gathered all the evidence against the common carriers of the state," he said, "and have been aided by the interstate commerce commission which submitted to me all the information in its hands. The investigation will be sweeping. If, while the testimony is being presented before the grand jury it develops that conspiracy has existed, that charge then will be made and imprisonment may result in some cases."

MRS. CORREIRA SHOT.

Bristol, R. I., Portuguese Charged With the Deed.

Bristol, R. I., Dec. 12.—Manuel Correia, 19 years of age, was arrested last night charged with shooting his wife, Mary. Both Correia and his wife are Portuguese.

The couple were married nearly a year ago but lived together only five weeks. Last night, as Mrs. Correia and Antonette Basentella were walking on one of the streets in the central part of the town, Correia appeared and demanded of his wife that she live with him again. Mrs. Correia declined to comply with the demand, whereupon Correia, it is alleged, fired a revolver at his wife. The bullet struck the woman in the breast and hit passed around to a point near the spine. The woman's condition was said to be serious.

Correia, when arrested, admitted buying a revolver recently but told the police that after firing it last night he threw it away. When asked if he shot his wife he replied that he did not understand English. A search by the police failed to show any trace of the weapon.

SULTAN HAS YIELDED.

Has Accepted Scheme of Macedonia's Financial Control

London, Dec. 12.—The correspondent of the Daily News at Constantinople says: "The sultan has yielded. He has accepted the scheme for the financial control of Macedonia as embodied in the last collective note of the powers."

Wrought Great Havoc.

Halifax, N. S., Dec. 12.—Reports from points along the coast indicate that Sunday's storm wrought great havoc. At North Sydney four schooners are ashore. At Ingonish, C. B., the storm destroyed fishing stages and nets and sank twenty-nine large fishing boats. At Arichat, C. B., the small steamer Perry Cam is ashore and full of water and at Isaac's harbor the schooner Ida Shaffer is in a bad condition on the beach.

KEROSENE ON STOVE RAG

Rag Caught Fire and Woman Burned to Death.

HUSBAND BADLY HURT

Mrs. John Dolan of Fairfax Died This Morning After Being Burned in a Shocking Manner Yesterday.

Fairfax, Dec. 12.—Mrs. John Dolan died this morning as the result of burns received at her home yesterday shortly before noon. She was cleaning a stove with a rag which was saturated with kerosene. The rag caught fire and the flames were communicated to Mrs. Dolan's clothes. She was burned in a shocking manner, her clothing and hair being burned off. Her arms up to the elbow burned to a crisp. A trained nurse from Burlington arrived last night, but little hope was expressed.

While trying to aid his wife Mr. Dolan was also badly injured by the flames.

TOLD PITIFUL TALES OF SUFFERINGS

Five Hundred Russian Refugees Arrived in New York, Having Escaped to Save Their Lives.

New York, Dec. 12.—Five hundred Russian refugees, many of them eye witnesses of the massacres in Odessa and other Russian cities, disembarked here yesterday from the steamers Patricia and Chemnitz. Some of them told graphic and pitiful stories of their experiences. Jews who had themselves lain hidden in houses in Odessa while mobs searched for them, Russian workmen of the Christian faith, strikers from the Odessa massacre, from its beginning, a newspaper reporter and German who had long lived in Russia, joined yesterday at the Ellis island immigration station in declaring that they had been attacked irrespective of religion, that their assailants were led by police disguised in citizen's clothing and that the massacres were not race persecution but revolution.

There were three Jews from Odessa, all of whom six weeks ago yesterday, on October 30, the day that the Czar proclaimed Russia's constitution, were forced into hiding to save their lives. All three are men over 30, intelligent and of fine physique. One of them, Abraham Chanok, a thimble, told what he saw of the Odessa massacre, from its beginning, when two rival parades which were celebrating the new constitution, met and began to fight. He told how little children were thrown out of high windows, how Russian Christians patrolled the streets in large bands, protecting Jews, while other bands of men pillaged and murdered. Workmen and students, he said, led the peace parties, while disguised police usually led the hoodlums. After the first two days he and two companions escaped from the city.

COMPROMISE MADE.

Lawyer Raymond Released from a Million Dollar Suit.

Bridgeport, Conn., Dec. 12.—As the result of a conference held in Pittsburgh yesterday, Sheriff Samuel E. Hawley of this city last night went to South Kent, and released the guard over Charles M. Raymond, the former New York lawyer, whose body was attached for \$1,000,000 in a suit brought by John D. Slayback of New York to recover Carbon Steel stock and dividends alleged to be held illegally under the control of Mr. Raymond.

It could not be learned on what terms a settlement was reached. Counsel for both parties in the suit met, it is stated, at the office of the Carbon Steel company in Pittsburgh and agreed upon a compromise.

BETHEL RAILWAY COMPLETED.

Some Changes and Improvements May Be Made Next Year.

Bethel, Dec. 12.—The Bethel Granite railway is completed, as far as the work can be done this year, and granite can now be loaded at the E. B. Ellis Co.'s quarries at the terminal of the line. The siding at the quarries is also completed. Next year the line will be ballasted and probably extended to the Woodbury Granite Co.'s quarries, and more sidings built, although this has not been definitely decided on. The derick, which was erected one mile below the quarries for temporary use in loading granite while the last mile of road was completed, has been removed.

SPECIAL GRAND JURY.

Will Have Election Cases Presented to It for Indictment.

New York, Dec. 12.—Supreme Court Justice Fitzgerald late yesterday on application of Attorney-General Mayer issued an order for the drawing of a special grand jury for the criminal term of the supreme court to have election cases presented to it for indictment. The special grand jury will convene on January 21.

TENEMENT FIRE KILLED SIX PEOPLE

Mrs. John Thomason and Five Children Burned to Death in New York Last Night—Property Loss \$40,000.

New York, Dec. 12.—A woman and her five children were burned to death in a fire in a five-story apartment house at Columbus avenue and 100th street last night. Two other persons were injured. A score or more tenants were thrown into a panic. Some of them were cut off from escape and were rescued by police, firemen and ambulance surgeons.

The dead are Mrs. John Thomason, her three-year-old twins, John and Anna, and her three sons, William J., aged nine years; Thomas, aged seven years; and Samuel, aged seven months.

Mrs. Thomason lost her life in an endeavor to save her children. She was found in her room with her little ones, their bodies badly burned, lying about her. The Thomasons lived on the fifth floor and the mother had heard the cry of fire but in some manner the latch on the kitchen door leading to the hall became caught and the Thomasons were penned in.

The fire started on the first floor of the building and spread rapidly cutting off egress by the stairs for the eight families occupying rooms above. Policemen hurried up rear fire escapes, and dragged women and children to safety.

When the firemen arrived it was believed that all the occupants of the building were out, and it was not for some time the bodies on the top floors were discovered.

Fred Nagel, 23 years old, was severely burned about the head and shoulders. Ambulance calls were sent in and Surgeon Elbert Norton responded from the J. Hood Wright hospital. In attempting to rescue some of the tenants he was badly burned about the hands.

The financial loss is estimated at \$40,000.

LIGHT SENTENCE FOR MERIWETHER

Midshipman, Charged With Manslaughter, Will Spend a Year at Academy and Get Public Reprimand.

Washington, D. C., Dec. 12.—The sentence of the court martial on Midshipman Meriwether, who was charged with killing Midshipman Branch at the naval academy, is that he be confined to the limits of the academy for a year and be publicly reprimanded by the Secretary of the Navy. The secretary modified the sentence so as to permit Meriwether to go on the annual practice cruise, otherwise he must remain on the academy grounds for a year.

NOT ONE INDICTMENT.

Was Brought by Grand Jury in Addison County.

Middlebury, Dec. 12.—Addison county court resumed work yesterday afternoon. The grand jury before the adjournment reported and were discharged. They had considered three bills and found no indictments, something remarkable in the county for many years. They found that repairs made on the jail since last June were not done, but they were not at all satisfied with the sanitary conditions of the jail and recommended some important changes.

THEIR OWN CARELESSNESS.

Says Commission on Death of Westons at Charlotte.

Burlington, Dec. 12.—The state board of railroad commissioners have made a report of their findings in the matter of the fatal accident to F. W. Weston and Leslie Weston, who were killed at Charlotte by a Rutland train on August 8. The commissioners review the testimony taken at the hearing and conclude that the accident occurred by reason of the carelessness of the Westons and not through the fault of the Rutland road.

MRS. ROOT HAD A GUN.

She Also Had the Bike Prize Money and Clung to It.

New York, Dec. 12.—After receiving the first prize money of the six-day bicycle race yesterday at the office of P. T. Powers, the promoter of the race, Eddie Root was surrounded by a number of their riders who demanded a share of the money. They declared that a combination of teams had been formed by which the race was manipulated so that Root should defeat the Bedells and win the first prize.

Mrs. Root was with the bicycle rider when the demand for a distribution of the prize money was made and announced that she had the money and also a gun in her muff and that she would shoot the first man that tried to take it.

When some of the riders threatened to pinch Root's head Mrs. Root warned them that she would shoot if they tried it. When Fogler, who was Root's riding partner demanded the gun from Mrs. Root she refused to give it up, and it is alleged threatened to shoot him. The Roots then left the building.

The distribution of the prize money was conducted in secret and only one team at a time was admitted to the office of Mr. Powers. Later, Powers, who had been ignorant of the altercation said that all the riders had received prizes as advertised, that many received bonuses, and all received something.

"That closes the incident," said Mr. Powers, "as far as I am concerned."

MONTPELIER THEIR MECCA

Farmers of Vermont Assembled There Today

FOR THEIR 34th SESSION

Convention Opened at 11 O'Clock by Worthy Master, Gov. C. J. Bell, Who Delivered the Annual Address.

The farmers captured Montpelier today. It is the 34th annual meeting of the State Grange, the sessions of which opened at the armory at 11 o'clock and will continue for two days, to Thursday noon. Governor C. J. Bell, worthy master, is presiding. The convention was opened by Gov. Bell, and there was a good number of delegates in attendance. It is believed that when the delegates all reach Montpelier it will be one of the largest conventions ever held by the Grange.

The roll call was made and responded to, after which the reports of the secretary and treasurer were received. The latter report showed that the organization is in a flourishing condition, and that during the year more than \$3,000 was taken in. The secretary reported that there are now about 10,000 members of the Grange in Vermont, with 123 lodges. During the year 25 subordinate lodges were organized and two Pomona lodges, Gov. Bell organized sixteen of the subordinates and both the Pomona lodges. These increases brought the membership up by two thousand.

A resolution was unanimously adopted today calling for a memorial service for the late Lucius M. Craig, chairman of the executive committee, who was killed by a falling tree at his home in Springfield the first of the week. The memorial service will be held tomorrow forenoon at eleven o'clock.

The session this afternoon was held at the opera house to enable the ladies to prepare the armory hall for the banquet which will be held tonight. The feature of the afternoon session was the address of the worthy master, Gov. Bell. He spoke at some length of the national convention which he recently attended, where 36 states were represented, or about 850,000 members. In the year the total membership has grown by about 55,000. The governor spoke of the objects of the Grange, of details taken up by President Roosevelt in his message, and of some local matters. The banquet of this evening will be served by the ladies of the Episcopal church.

STILL ANOTHER SUIT.

Third Divorce in the Domestic Troubles of A. D. Mongeon and Wife.

Burlington, Dec. 12.—A counter divorce suit has been brought by Arthur D. Mongeon vs. Delrice Mongeon and the case was entered yesterday in the office of County Clerk Russell. This is the third suit within a few days which has grown out of the domestic difficulties of Mr. and Mrs. Mongeon, who live in Winoski.

The first suit was brought by Mongeon against George Willett of this city for alleged alienation of affections and damages were fixed at \$5,000. This was soon followed by a suit for divorce by Mrs. Mongeon and now he has brought a counter suit.

There will be a hearing on the question of alimony in the case brought by Mrs. Mongeon on Saturday before Judge Heaton. The case of Mongeon against Willett was also entered yesterday in the clerk's office, although service was made several days ago. The cases are all returnable at the March term of county court.

ELECT NEW COMMISSIONERS.

To Succeed Those Who Resigned at St. Albans.

St. Albans, Dec. 12.—The special meeting of the city council held last evening for the purpose of filling vacancies on the board of school commissioners, caused by the resignation of H. Charles Royce, Fred W. Hyde and C. W. Buckley, resulted in the election of Guy H. Barker in ward one, the Rev. S. Halstead Watkins in ward four and Judge O. N. Kelton in ward five. A few minor bills were ordered paid and the matters of two defective hydrants discussed, after which the meeting adjourned.

INVENTS MILKING STOOL.

Newport Man Has a Novelty For Use in Milking.

Newport, Dec. 12.—Dr. M. T. Hamilton has invented a novel as well as a handy contrivance in the shape of a milking stool, which will no doubt prove a great convenience to dairymen. Among its points of merit is a rail holder, giving the milker the free use of both hands and legs. The rail is held in position by an iron grip top and bottom and is released when one arises from the seat.

EXAMINE FORTY PHYSICIANS.

They Failed to File Their Registration Certificates.

Rutland, Dec. 12.—The State Board of Medical Registration met here today to examine about forty physicians, who failed to file their licenses a year ago. Technically they have been practicing illegally.

RESIGNATION ACCEPTED.

Graniteville Presbyterians Release Their Pastor Because of Illness.

The resignation of the Rev. George McLennon, pastor of Graniteville Presbyterian church, was unanimously accepted at a congregational meeting held last evening. Mr. McLennon's reason for tendering his resignation was the fact that he is in very poor health. Although the people of his congregation think a great deal of Mr. McLennon, who has done such good service in the Graniteville church for two years, they thought best to accept his resignation without delay, so that their pastor could obtain a much needed rest, for his condition is such as to necessitate an immediate giving up of all work.

Mr. McLennon's wife died at Graniteville last spring and he goes now to Montreal to stay for a time with his daughter, who is the wife of a prominent Presbyterian minister of that city. Mr. McLennon has two sons who are Presbyterian ministers, and one who is a professor in Oberlin college. Each of his two daughters is married to a Presbyterian minister. He will pass the winter with these sons and daughters.

GAVE 'EM A CHASE.

But Cheerfully Paid His Fine When Brought Into Court.

Montpelier, Dec. 12.—A woolly, red head stuck out of a place on Main street last evening and from the aperture below came a resonant yapping for his companion. The yapping was too much of an effort and the owner of it fell headlong into the street. Officer Pattee happened along at that moment and assisted the man to his feet, and then started to take him to the jail. Then the "buddy" came to the rescue and between the two of them the officer had a hard time, losing both. The first individual became a lurid streak down State street, with the officer and a big crowd in pursuit. The crowd was after amusement, not the man. The streak headed for the Central Vermont station and boarded the train. Officer Pattee called on Odell Mason, who was standing on the platform of the car to stop the footstep. Mason not only stopped him, but shoved him off the car, and then landed on him full force. This pinioned the man was captured and landed in jail.

In court this morning the sprinter pleaded guilty to intoxication and was called upon for \$5 fine with recompense for the effort to catch him. He declared it was Peter Grant of Barry, but afterwards told that he was using his mother's last name, before she was married a second time. The other man is still at large.

THIS ACCIDENT PROBABLY FATAL

John Griffin, a Burlington Plumber, Got His Head Caught in an Elevator This Morning.

Burlington, Vt., Dec. 12.—John Griffin, a plumber employed by the U. S. Gridget company, met with a probably fatal accident this morning. His head was caught between the freight elevator and the floor at the store of B. B. Beeman & Co., and badly lacerated. He was taken to the Mary Fletcher hospital.

LARCENY CASES.

Henry Foster, Found Guilty of Stealing a Pair of Shoes.

Henry Foster, who was arrested in Bethel Saturday night, charged with stealing a pair of shoes from his roommate, was given a trial in city court yesterday afternoon and was found guilty. A fine of \$10 and costs of \$25 were imposed. He took an appeal to county court, and being unable to secure bail was taken to the county jail at Montpelier.

B. F. Healey, who pleaded not guilty to the charge of petit larceny in city court yesterday, still remains in the lockup, as he has been unable to secure bail of \$250.

NOT YET SETTLED.

Labor Trouble Is Still on at Hardwick Sheds.

Hardwick, Dec. 12.—The difficulty in the granite sheds is still unsettled. The men are paying up their dues so as to receive aid from the union.

ALIENATION SUIT HAS BEEN SETTLED

Frank McJarrett Had Sued Fred Doby for \$4,000—Doby Says He Settled for \$25 and \$30.

There is sorrow in large chunks in the confines of the Washington county jail at Montpelier, for the star musician, Fred Doby, has forsaken the place, and the notes of the phonograph which Fred owned will not be heard any more, unless he takes it into his head to go back and loan a few cheerful notes.

Doby was placed in jail several weeks ago, after failing to secure bail in the alienation suit brought against him by Frank McJarrett, who claimed damages of \$4,000. Bail in a similar amount was set, and Doby was unable to furnish it. Then the amount was reduced to \$1,500, and still Doby was forced to recline in jail. Now the attorneys of the two parties have got together and effected a settlement. The terms of the settlement are still in doubt to the great public, although Doby persists that the amount agreed upon in settlement of the \$4,000 suit was between \$25 and \$30. Fred Doby says that he has resumed house keeping at the same place, where it was so rudely broken up several weeks ago.

DOCTORS DO NOT RECORD

All the Birth Statistics of the City.

SAYS HEALTH OFFICER

Dr. Joe W. Jackson Says He Thinks There Were Several Not Reported in Month of November—Vital Statistics.

In preparing the vital statistics of the city for the month of November, the city health officer, Dr. Joe W. Jackson, has found that some births, probably three, have not been reported, as the city ordinances require. Section 1 of the chapter relating to registration of births says that "every physician, midwife and other person who may professionally assist or advise at the birth of any human being," shall within ten days certify to the same to the board of health, specifying the state, time, ward, street and number, the sex and color and the conditions as to still or live birth.

Section 4 says that if a physician or other person fails to make the required return, or makes an incomplete, incorrect or unreasonable return, he shall forfeit all compensation therefor, and be liable to the penalty prescribed in section five. The penalty prescribed in that section is a fine of not less than one dollar nor more than fifty dollars.

So far as the health officer has received returns, there were 29 births in Barre during the month of November. Of these thirteen were male and sixteen female.

There were 17 cases of contagious diseases reported in 14 families, resulting in but one death. The contagious diseases were as follows: Diphtheria, ten cases in seven families, no death; scarlet fever, three cases in three families; no deaths; typhoid fever, three cases in three families, one death; whooping cough, one case.

The total number of deaths during the month was 21, of whom 14 were males and seven females. Sixteen were American born and five foreign. Consumption led with five deaths. The causes follow:

Consumption	5
Drowning	3
Pneumonia	3
Heart disease	2
Typhoid fever	2
Premature birth	2
Suicide	1
Meningitis	1
Disease of the kidneys	1
Malaria	1

NORTHFIELD'S "BLACK MONDAY."

38 Years Ago Yesterday Twenty Persons Were Killed.

Thirty-eight years ago yesterday was Northfield's "Black Monday," the day of the Harlow bridge disaster, when twenty Northfield people lost their lives on the Central Vermont railroad track. The scene of the tragedy was three miles south of Northfield, where a new trestle was being built to replace one burned. Workmen were returning from dinner to their work by train. The car containing the men was pushed off the end of the new trestle, and the tender of the engine dropped on them.

ROBERT R. FRASER.

Prominent Member of Clan Gordon Died Yesterday.

Robert R. Fraser, a stone cutter, died yesterday afternoon at 3:30 at his home on John street, the cause of death being given as stomach trouble. Mr. Fraser was born in Blackburn, Aberdeenshire, Scotland, in March, 1860. He came to America 21 years ago and after residing a year in St. Johnsbury came to Barre, which has been his home ever since. Mr. Fraser was a member of Clan Gordon and was its treasurer for a number of years, as well as holding other offices in the order. He is survived by a wife and three children, two daughters and one sister, Wm. Brown of this city is a half brother.

George W. Thorington.

George W. Thorington, an expressman of this city, died at Heaton hospital in Montpelier, after a short illness. He leaves besides his wife his mother, three children, two brothers and a sister. One of his sons is running Mr. Thorington's express business.

Mrs. George Howland.

Mrs. Angeline Howland, widow of the late George Howland, died last evening at her home on the East Montpelier road. The funeral will be held at her late home Wednesday afternoon at one o'clock.

Congregational Clergy Meets.

Rutland, Dec. 12.—A joint meeting of the Rutland and Bennington county Congregational ministers association was held here today, the first ever had. Thirteen clergymen were present.

Menu for Wednesday Night.

Menu of supper to be given by the Episcopal ladies at the Pavilion Wednesday evening from 5:30 to 7:—